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The Spirit of This Season

HOW fitting it is at times of great joy that a song of the heart can utter forth the feelings that can be expressed in no other way. Perhaps this is why the Lord told Emma Smith: "For my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads." (Doctrine and Covenants, 25 : 12.)

On the cover of this month's "Cumorah's Southern Messenger" is a picture of the first South African Mission Relief Society Singing Mother's Choir. Those who were fortunate enough to attend the opening of the Pretoria Chapel will remember the thrill of hearing in sweet unison the ringing voices of 100 mothers singing the sacred strains of "My Redeemer Lives." What a moving anthem to be sung at this joyous season in which we commemorate our Saviour's birth.

In His Church in this dispensation many inspirational hymns have been sung by great choirs to praise the Lord and express the gratitude and joy that is felt for the "Plan of Salvation" which he authored. In this season surely there is no better way to convey the true spirit of Christmas, which at this time seems to be lost amidst the blaring commercial chaos in which we live. It would be well to think upon the true meaning of this festive season. Exactly what is the message of the Christmas Season? What is the true significance of that humble birth in Bethlehem by which the time of the world is reckoned?

What greater gift could God give to mankind than a Divine Example and a Saviour. Remember that momentous announcement to the humble shepherds, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke, 2 : 11.)

The Lord and Saviour of the World was born in the most humble of circumstances, in a lowly manger, and yet almost 2,000 years later it is still recorded as the greatest event in the history of this old earth. On that occasion how fitting it was to herald the birth of "the Way, the Truth and the Life" of the worl dwith inspiring words sung by the most awesome and dynamic of all choirs ever assembled. "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke, 2 : 14.)

If the world was to hear but one sermon sung by a choir these few words carry the message the world needs to hear, above all else. These few words bear the message of the purpose of the mission of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God.

C.R.S.

Season's Greetings

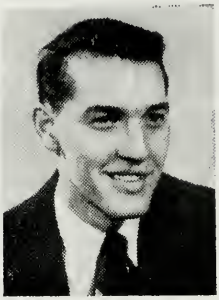
To the members of the Church in the South African Mission and to our many friends we, here in the Mission Home, extend our best wishes for your happiness at this Christmas Season. It is our prayerful hope that this next year will be one long remembered for progress.

President O. Layton Alldredge.
Sister Hilda H. Alldredge.
Rex, Dianne, Layton and Carole Ann.

Elder Charles R. Scott.
Elder Don H. Perry.
Sister Margaret Bury.

CHURCH NEWS

A NEW SECOND COUNSELOR



ELDER PHILIP N. BELLON

ON November 15, 1962, Elder Philip N. Bellon was set apart as the new second counselor to President O. Layton Alldredge, in the South African Mission Presidency.

President Bellon has shown his leadership capabilities in the way he goes about filling his assignments. Before being called to the Mission Presidency he served ably as the Supervising Elder of the West Rand District.

Those who have worked with President Bellon or have been associated with him, have found that he is a deeply humble missionary and dedicated to the furtherment of the Lord's work. His winning smile and quiet spirituality have been an inspiration to his fellow workers, and endeared him to all who come in contact with him.

President Bellon replaces President David G. Norton, who was released on September 1st, 1962.

MISSION M.I.A. LEADERS RELEASED

With a vote of appreciation and thanks for the excellent service rendered, Brother Nelson Beard was released as Mission Superintendent of the Young Mens Mutual Improvement Association, and Sister Margaret Beard was released as the Mission President of the Young Womens Mutual Improvement Association. Brother and Sister Beard have been a real credit to the M.I.A. Program.

As comparatively recent converts to the Church, they have demonstrated zeal and devotion to the growth of the Mutual Programme. They are moving to East London and without doubt that Branch will certainly prosper greatly from their experiences in the M.I.A.

PRETORIA'S CHAPEL COMPLETED

The nation's capital city can now boast of a new and superbly constructed Latter-Day Saint Chapel. The new meetinghouse was constructed by the Deseret Construction Company, at a cost of nearly R100,000. The Chapel is tastefully finished with rich woods and luxurious carpeting. The large window area allows soft natural light to enhance the true beauty of the natural woodwork, while large lacy white curtains and stunning drapes bring an atmosphere of reverence to the hearts of all who enter. A highlight within the chapel is of course the organ. An outstanding Balwin Electronic Organ with two 61-note manuals and a built in 3 channel, 70 watt amplification system will provide inspiring accompaniment for the wonderful hymns that are sung by L. D. S. congregations.

The building is one of the most complete Church-owned buildings in South Africa. In addition to the Chapel there is a Cry room which will allow mothers with crying infants to listen to the meetings. The Cry room also overlooks a spacious Cultural Hall. There are ample classrooms and offices, a Baptismal Font, and change rooms, and the modernly decorated Relief Society Room with an adjoining kitchen, which will

INTERIOR OF NEW PRETORIA CHAPEL

efficiently serve the needs of the sisters besides being able to turn out full dinners to overflow in just a few minutes.

Pretoria's Chapel is indeed a true reflection on the devotion of the designer and builders who gave their all to construct a lovely house of worship. This is the first chapel in South Africa to be built under the sole direction of Latter-Day Saints. The new meeting-house for the Pretoria Saints will surely usher in a new era of growth for their Branch.

The Art of Giving

The art of giving encompasses many areas.

Emmerson said it well: "Rings and jewels are not gifts, but apologies for gifts. The only true gift is a portion of thyself."

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the heart: love, kindness, joy, understanding, sympathy, forgiveness.

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the mind: ideas, dreams, purposes, ideals, principles, plans, inventions, projects, poetry.

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the spirit: prayer, beauty, aspiration, faith.

We give of ourselves when we give the gift of time: patience, attention, consideration.

We give of ourselves when we give the gift of words: encouragement, inspiration, guidance.

The finest gift a man can give to his age and time is the gift of a constructive and creative life.

Christmas and the Latter-Day Saint

WHEN Mary hushed her babe to sleep on that starry night in Judea she was happy for the love that had come into her life and into the world. We, too, rejoice at Christmas that love has come into the world, and we try to show our gratitude for this great gift, and to reflect it in deeds of kindliness and affection. All sorts of beautiful customs and charming beliefs have grown up around this season.

It was the Germans who gave us our Christmas tree and the Dutch who brought us Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas. That jolly old saint has long been loved in many countries, though there is not very much known for certain about his life. He is believed to have been Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, at the time when Diocletian was Emperor of Rome. Many stories are told of his generosity and kindliness, and this is said to be the reason why at one time people gave each other presents on the Eve of St. Nicholas' Day, the 6th of December. Later those gifts came to be given at Christmas and St. Nicholas was recognised as the Christmas saint.

The Dutch gave us the custom of hanging up our stockings to be filled. In some lands it is not a stocking but a little wooden shoe that every child puts out on Christmas Eve, and in it there is always a little bundle of hay to serve as food for St. Nicholas' hungry steeds.

From France we get the beautiful word "Noel," which is another name for Christmas and is derived from the Latin word "birth."

At this season in Olde England a lord's retainer brought in the "Yule log," which was lit in the huge fireplace, and as long as it kept on burning the lord feasted his guests with the best that was in his house. You can imagine that the Yule log was the biggest and toughest the retainers could find! In those days the Christmas season lasted for 12 days—from Christmas Eve until Twelfth Night, on January the 6th, which commemorates the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus.

So down through hundreds of years Christmas has been kept and loved wherever there are people to welcome Jesus Christ and His message of love.

Should Christmas, however, have more significance for us, as Latter-Day Saints, than for other religions? It most certainly should. We believe that Jesus Christ lives and is today guiding and directing His Church, The Church of Jesus Christ, through His present day

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GENEALOGY

"Then shall the Kingdom of heven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them.
But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps."
(Matthew 25 : 1-4)

ARE we among the wise virgins? Are our lamps filled with the truths of the Gospel and the commandments and ordinances that we have a testimony that this gospel of Jesus Christ is the Gospel unto Salvation and that salvation is a gift from God to everyone, great and small, living and the dead?

Through the atonement of Jesus Christ, all will receive a part in the resurrection.

Exaltation is also a gift from God given only to those who accept and obey the teachings of the gospel.

To what extent do we obey the gospel teachings in relation to our dead?

Are our testimonies strong enough to accept the responsibility of the gift of exaltation for ourselves and our ancestors, always remembering that we without our dead cannot receive a fulness of exaltation?

Now is the time to do research and identify our dead by correct names, dates, places of birth, marriage and deaths with details of all children and our relationship to them. Temples are waiting for the vicarious work and it is our duty to devote our time, energy and resources to research TODAY, for tomorrow may be too late, and we may be numbered among the dead and then among the foolish virgins of yesterday.

In this season of love and good fellowship, let us renew our resolution and fulfil our obligations to our ancestors and kindred that together we may enjoy the gosped gifts of eternal life.

With love and the Season's Greetings—

Edith Wiid
South African Mission

CHRISTMAS AND THE LATTER-DAY SAINT

prophet, David O. McKay. No other church on the face of the earth makes this claim. We love Our Saviour and remember that, although He was born in a time of tyranny, He was the "Prince of Peace." Although he was cruelly crucified, He taught a Gospel of love towards all men; He was, in fact, the personification of harmony and good feeling, and He died that we might live.

"On earth, peace, good will toward men" was the message the angel and the Heavenly Host brought to us at the birth of Our Saviour, and so we rejoice with all peoples on earth at this time. Our rejoicings, however, are not confined to one day in the year, but extend for 365 days, when we give thanks to Our Heavenly Father for the greatest gift of all—His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, with His message of love.

Not by the songs we sing,
Not by the gifts we bring
Is Christmas made;
But when we serve all men
In His name—only then
'Tis Christmas.

James T. Matheson.

Christmas Greetings From Our Members Overseas

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the South African Mission,

AS the year is coming to an end again and we are about to celebrate the Anniversary of our Saviour, my good wife, Mavis, our children, Ronnie, Marlene and Keith Orr, Beverley, and Brian wish to send you our special greetings through the medium of your C.S.M. Although we have been absent from South Africa for two and a half years, we can assure you that we have not forgotten any of you whom we have known, and have watched with great interest the new members coming into the Kingdom of our Lord. It has been good to read the Branch news each month and note the many new names of those who have accepted the Gospel. We are very happy to know that the members are doing such a fine work in our beloved land, in co-operation with the missionaries and your beloved Mission President and Sister Alldredge, whom we love and respect very much.

We have enjoyed our stay in Canada very much so far, inspite of being very homesick at times. The privilege of going to the Temple and doing the necessary work for our dead has amply compensated us for the longing we have for all our dear friends in South Africa. As most of you know Marlene is now Mrs. Keith Orr, she married an ex-South African missionary, from Canada. They are very happy. Ronnie and Beverley are having some wonderful experiences at the Brigham Young University. This has been a fulfilment of their desires since their early school days. Brian has grown so fast we are sure not many will recognise him now. He is very happy here but would like to go to school in South Africa. Mavis and I are both employed for which we are very thankful as there are thousands unemployed in our city alone. We want to assure you that our testimonies have been strengthened many times over by the experiences which we have had. We know that this is the work of the Lord and no matter what the world may say, it will never stay the progress of the Church. It is a great privilege to be members of this great Church. We are thankful for the fine experiences we had in the mission field, the opportunities we had to serve, as they have been a great help to us here. One does not get so many opportunities here as there are so many Saints. We have 549 members in our Ward and it is the smallest of 7 wards in our Stake.

We would like to, in conclusion to send our love and best wishes to all of you in the mission field. May you all have a very happy Christmas and may the New Year bring you all the riches blessings from our Father in Heaven as you continue to serve Him. We bear Testimony to the Truth and Divinity of the work in which you are engaged. We know that only through diligently serving the Lord do we get the greatest joy. May the Lord bless you all with peace, happiness and success is our humble prayer.

Icie and Mavis Louw.

Relief Society Convention

Hilda H. Alldredge

WHEN the new Pretoria chapel was started we thought how wonderful it would be for the Singing Mothers from all over the Mission to come and provide the music for the opening service.

Permission was granted by the First Presidency and plans were made. The Relief Society Sisters would hold cake and rummage sales to help towards the travel expenses incurred, and we are happy to say that all travel expenses were met by this means. The choristers in each branch would teach the sisters the music and songs. They would come together for the Mission-wide practice before the final performance to blend all the voices together.

The sisters set to and worked with a will to make this history-making event materialize. Inasmuch as the sisters would be representing all branches in the Mission, it was decided to hold a Relief Society Convention in conjunction with the opening of the chapel.

President Smit and Brother van Staden of the Branch Presidency, also the builders, worked to complete the building on the date set for the Convention. Each brick was placed almost lovingly in place. This was not going to be just another chapel but "their chapel," where the full programme of the Church could be enjoyed.

When at last the building was completed on Saturday, November 24th, from 2.30 until 4.30 p.m. the Singing Mothers of over 100 voices held their first Mission-wide practice under the direction of Sister Valerie Snyman of the Vereeniging Branch, who had been chosen to direct the Mission chorus.

At 5 p.m. the Relief Society Convention began with a general session. Sister Hilda H. Alldredge, the Mission Relief Society President, welcomed all to the first Mission-wide Relief Society Convention ever held in the nation's capital. President Alldredge also addressed the sisters, after which they separated for departmental work.

Following this session a delicious meal prepared by the Pretoria Relief Society sisters was served. Beautifully decorated tables, where each sister was given a lovely favour as a remembrance, highlighted this part of the Convention.

After the dinner Krugersdorp Relief Society presented the play "The Relief Society Memory Book." This beautiful presentation was a fitting climax to a wonderful day.

Displayed in the lounge were samples of hand-made articles.

Sunday, November 25th, at 9 a.m., a meeting in the Pretoria chapel was held for all Relief Society sisters in executive positions.

At 2 p.m. the service officially opening the Pretoria chapel began with every seat in the chapel, lounge and cultural hall filled to overflowing. The hundred Singing Mothers seated on the stand, all dressed in their beautiful, sparkling white blouses, each with a lovely pale pink rosebud as the only decoration, were an inspiring sight.

They rendered three beautiful anthems during the service, and Sisters Christine du Plessis and Elaine Strydom sang a duet, "He that Hath Clean Hands and a Pure Heart." Everyone in the large congregation was touched as the

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Youth and the M.I.A. Programme

WE say with pride that the Mutual Improvement Association is the finest youth movement in the world today. This claim is not made lightly but in full realisation of the fact that many young people's organisations provide excellent programmes for their members.

On what grounds then is M.I.A. superior? No other movement tries to achieve the full spiritual, mental, and physical development of youth in as comprehensive a fashion as Mutual does. The needs that arise, as boys and girls twelve years of age gradually grow into adulthood, are carefully studied by the M.I.A. General Board and a programme is drawn up to provide for each phase of their development. Our youth who participate wholeheartedly in this movement become the finest of young men and young women.

Note that those who participate become fine **people** not great sportsman or intellectuals or theologians. The accent is on balanced development. Mutual will have failed in its purposes if its products are mental giants who cannot get on with their families, atheletes to whom the Sabbath has lost its significance, leaders who no longer have the humility to follow.

How is this overall development achieved? Firstly, Mutual is not another club. Members do not join and then select from the programme those things that interest them. Every person belonging to M.I.A. is given instructions and practice in fundamental Gospel principles, as well as speech, drama, music, fellowship, leadership, the atr of living. Development of a healthy co-ordinated body is promoted by sports and dance programmes. Creativeness and the development of special talents is encouraged by award programmes and in special assignments.

This is not achieved by a single overall programme, but by nine, each designed for a particular age group level and most of the nine are even further sub-divided so that maximum applicability to individual needs can be achieved.

Teachers and leaders in Mutual are interested in guiding the **members** not in guiding a programme. Members belong to M.I.A.—they may give it up but Mutual never gives the mup; their welfare is the constant concern of the Mutual leadership.

An organisation such as this is priceless in the world today because what is more important in the eyes of Our Father in Heaven than the development of his children to their full potential.

Donovan Donly,
Mission M.I.A. President.

RELIEF SOCIETY CONVENTION (Continued from page 321)

sisters all sang "My Peace I Leave With You," which brought the history-making service to a close. The chorus was directed by Sister Valerie Snyman, with Sister Bessie de Wet at the organ.

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the success of the Relief Society Convention and our grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father that the Singing Mothers could render the music at the service opening the Pretoria chapel. We wish also to thank all who worked so hard to make the Convention and Singing Mothers chorus a success.

RELIEF SOCIETY COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR OCTOBER

THE TOP THREE

Branch	Percent
LUANSHYA	100%
SPRINGS	93%
BELLVILLE	91%

	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Percentage Attendance	No. of Magazines	Sick Visits	Visiting Teacher Visits
Bellville	11	10	91%	5	44	—
Bloemfontein	13	9	69%	9	7	18
Bulawayo	23	10	44%	6	1	4
Copperbelt	15	10	66%	8	—	—
Durban	30	25	83%	17	—	—
East London	12	6	50%	11	—	14
East Rand	17	10	59%	11	6	23
Krugersdorp	19	11	58%	15	13	15
Luanshya	4	4	100%	4	2	5
Mowbray	51	32	63%	23	45	95
Pietermaritzburg	10	5	50%	2	—	—
Port Elizabeth*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pretoria	39	15	39%	23	—	20
Primrose*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ramah	53	19	37%	34	4	86
Salisbury*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Springs	14	13	93%	17	11	18
Vereeniging	9	7	77%	5	2	5
Welkom	9	7	77%	3	2	11

* These branches failed to send report in on time.

SAMPLES OF RELIEF SOCIETY HANDIWORK

LOVE . . . . THE GREATEST TEACHER
OBEDIENCE . . . . THE GREATEST JOY

Gerard Meyer, Mission Sunday School Supervisor

LAWS, whether they be the laws of man or the laws of the Lord, cannot be ignored by children nor adults. We must all obey the laws of nature if we are to stay well; we must all obey traffic laws if we are to stay out of trouble on the roads; we must all obey our parents if we want to become self-respecting citizens, and we must obey the laws of the Lord if we want to live a full and productive life.

The Lord said, "If ye love me, keep My commandments" (John, 14 : 15). Now, the cynic may call this dogmatic and arbitrary, but when we realise that all of his commandments are given for our good, that all Divine law is inspired by love, and that observance will contribute to our happiness and wellbeing, then obedience becomes a pleasure.

The prophet Joseph Smith said, "Happiness is the object and design of our existence, and will be the end thereof if we pursue the path that leads to it; and this path is virtue, uprightness, holiness and keeping all the commandments of God. But we cannot keep all the commandments without first knowing them, and we cannot expect to know all, or more than we know unless we comply with or keep those we have already received . . . But in obedience there is joy and peace unspotted, unalloyed; and as God has designed our happiness—and the happiness of all His creatures—He has, He never will institute an ordinance or give a commandment to His people that is not calculated in its nature to promote that happiness which He has designed and which will not end in the greatest amount of good and glory to those who become the recipients of His law and ordinances." (Joseph Smith, History of the Church, Vol. V, 1958 edition, pages 134, 135.)

Truly it has been said, "We cannot keep all the commandments without first knowing them." Where else do we have a better opportunity to learn these commandments than in our Sunday School class. Will each of you who read this article think of the Sunday School teachers whom you have had. Which of them do you remember with happy memories? From which of the classes are you unable to recall either the Sunday School teacher's name or the subject considered in the course.

Are you one of those teachers who are remembered with pleasant memories or one of the forgotten ones? Did you give your students something worth while on which they could build their testimonies? Did your Sunday School class become alive to the potentials of the Gospel through your teaching? Effective teaching is more than giving the lesson listed in the manual for the day, however well organized the lesson may have been. To be an effective teacher we must know our pupil intimately. At this time, when we have so many new converts as well as the reactivated member entering the Sunday School, it is particularly important, in order to keep them interested and coming, that they be made to feel welcome and wanted not only by the teacher but

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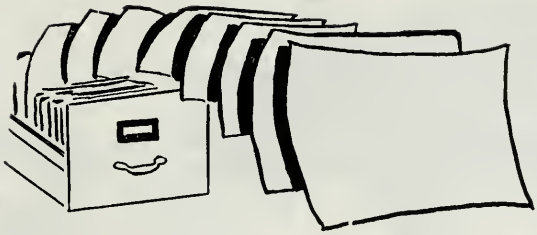

FROM OUR FILES

Baptisms

BULAWAYO

NIEUWENHUYS, Aletta Anne
NIEUWENHUYS, Ernest Lodewyk
NIEUWENHUYS, Wilhelmina Georgina Felicity
SCHMAHL, Maria Magdelena

DURBAN

DELPORT, Anthony Derek
DELPORT, James Harold
DELPORT, James Robert

EAST LONDON

MACFARLAND, Neville

EAST RAND

LE ROUX, Audrey Ann
PIENAAR, Johanna Dorothea

KRUGERSDORP

DE BEER, Joseph Adam Johannes
DE BEER, Joseph Adam Johannes Jr.
DE BEER, Louise Carolina
DIETRICHS, Shirley May
FRASER, Anna Elizabeth
FRASER, Robert Allan
KRIEL, Anna Thysina Catharina
KRIEL, Lourens Daniel

MOWBRAY

VAN DER LINDEN, Pamela Huguenot
WEINAND, Myra Sylvia

PORT ELIZABETH

BARNETT, Theodore William
EVERTON, Carlile Henry
EVERTON, Cheryl Ann
EVERTON, Enrique Charles
GAMBLE, Wayne Eldred
SAAYMAN, Erene Miriam
STEEDMAN, Paul David

RAMAH

GEORGE, Phyllis Charlotte
LOVELAND, David Ernest
MAREE, David Frederick
MAREE Gertrude Jubilee
SCHAEFER William Johannes Alfred
SCHAEFER, Yvonne Catherine
SONNEKUS, Gerhardus Daniel
VAN DER LAAN, Reindert Johannes
VAN DER LAAN, Derrick Peter
VAN ZYL, Marlene

SALISBURY

OLDS, Richard

SPRINGS

ROWE, Avrill Lain

Blessings

BLOEMFONTEIN

MILNE, Sharon
SYMONDS, Sandra Ivalyn Frost

KRUGERSDORP

DELPORT, Deborah
DELPORT, Mark David
LEVY, Diane Kathleen

RAMAH

WILSON, Elinor Kay
WILSON, Vanessa Ann

SPRINGS

FUTTER, Gordon Barry
TYLER, Colleen
WEAVER, Heather Hilary
WEAVER, Hylton Charles

Ordinations

BLOEMFONTEIN

HEYDENRYCH, Pieter Willem—Advanced to a Priest.

ROBB, Chris Harold—Ordained to a Deacon.

ROBB, Melvyn John—Ordained to a Deacon.

ROBB, James William Goldsmith—Advanced to a Teacher.

YOUNG, Charles Malcolm—Ordained an Elder.

EAST RAND

BOTHA, Hendrik Josephus—Ordained to a Deacon.

JACOBS, Henry Lewis—Ordained to a Deacon

JACOBS, Valentine Henry—Advanced to a Teacher.

KRUGERSDORP

DU PLESSIS, Charl Hendrik—Ordained to an Elder.

KRUGER, Teunis—Ordained to an Elder.

LEVY, Bernard Phillip—Ordained to an Elder.

NELL, Louis Andries Francois—Ordained to an Elder.

ROBERTS, Arthur Buller White—Ordained to an Elder.

MOWBRAY

CERFF, James Louis—Advanced to a Teacher.

DROMGOOLE, Stanley Charles—Advanced to a Teacher.

HARFORD, Dudley Melvin—Ordained to an Elder

JURGENS, Hermanus Christiaan—Advanced to a Teacher.

McKINNON, Winston—Advanced to a Teacher.

THEYS, Denis Beresford—Ordained to an Elder.

PORT ELIZABETH

CHARSLEY, Douglas Henry—Advanced to a Priest.

SMITH, Anthony John—Advanced to a Priest.

STEEDMAN, John—Ordained to an Elder.

TROLLIP, Sidney Robert—Ordained to an Elder.

VAN HEERDEN, Willem Johan—Ordained to a Deacon.

VAN ROOYEN, Kevin Ernest—Advanced to a Teacher.

RAMAH

BANTJES, Norman Victor—Advanced to a Teacher.

BANTJES, Pieter Andreas Olivier—Advanced to a Teacher.

BRUMMER, Stephanus Peter—Ordained to a Deacon.

DELATE Cecil George—Advanced to a Priest.

DE WET, Benjamin Charles—Ordained to a Deacon.

DE WET, Carl Henry—Ordained to a Deacon.

DE WET, Gerald Derek—Ordained to a Deacon.

DE WET Gert Jacobus Benjamin—Ordained to a Deacon.

DE WET, Jacobus Eugenatius—Advanced to a Teacher.

DONLY, Llewelyn Nielsen—Advanced to a Priest.

HAMILTON, John William—Ordained to a Deacon

ROBINSON, Andrew Laidley—Ordained to a Deacon.

SCOTT, Norman Ashley—Advanced to a Priest.

SWARTS, Jeffery Norencis—Advanced to a Teacher.

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by the class officers and members. It is, however, the teacher's responsibility to become well acquainted with every new member of the class and give the names to the class officer so that a warm welcome can be given to each.

The effective teacher needs to know and plan for much more than the objective of the lesson for the day. The real teacher, the one who will be long remembered, is the one who expresses in word and act of love the appreciation felt to the members of that class for their response and the assignments filled by them. Love is the essence of great teaching.

BRANCH REPORTS

BULAWAYO BRANCH

Shirley Woolf

BRANCH Conference was held on the 16th September, with the theme "Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." The speakers handled their assignments with a great deal of effectiveness, eloquence and inspiration. President Alldredge encouraged us with words of inspiration to give us greater love and faith in the gospel. We missed the presence of our dear Sister Alldredge on this occasion.

On the 27th September, President and Sister Alldredge passed through Bulawayo; we were very happy to have them in our midst at Relief Society and Priesthood meetings.

We pray for Sister Alldredge's full recovery to health, and may God bless President and Sister Alldredge and their family.

We had in our midst for a short period Brother Ivan Fourie, who was on a visit here from Cape Town.

A Fireside was held on the 29th September at the home of Brother and Sister Herbert.

We regret to say that little John Patterson is still in hospital after ten weeks of illness. We pray that the Lord will see fit to restore John to his full health once more.

We wish to extend our congratulations to Brothers Keith and Stanley Harris and Brothers Willem and Wouter van Zyl on being ordained deacons.

On the 15th September, President Alldredge performed the marriage between our Branch president's daughter, Sister Lorraine Isaac, and Mr. Trevor Bezuidenhout. The bride made a beautiful picture in white; no artist could have improved on it. We wish them every joy and happiness that marriage can bring.

Sister Jean and Mr. John Newbold, and Mr. and Mrs. Curling, had their lovely babies blessed by President Issac.

On 28th October we were privileged to witness the baptisms of Brother and Sister Nieuwenhuys and their daughter, and of Sister Maria Schmahl. We are very happy to welcome them into our midst. Elder Barney and Elder Burnett performed the baptisms.

A picnic was held on Monday, 29th October. It was a public holiday, and everyone had an enjoyable day. In the evening a Fireside was held; we listened to the tape recordings of President David O. McKay and the late Matthew Cowley. Their words were divinely inspired and was a perfect ending to a beautiful day.

Our missionaries, Elder Barney and Burnett, are doing a fine job in this part of the Lord's vineyard, and we pray the Lord will continue to bless them in their labours here with us. We are grateful to both of our elders for the wonderful work they are doing.

We have really wonderful news this month: On Sunday, 4th November, we had the ground-breaking ceremony and soon the contractors will start building our Chapel. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for this blessing and pray for guidance, assistance and protection for all who will labour on our Chapel.

The Saints in Bulawayo send greetings to all branches of the South African Mission. May God bless you all.

CARLETONVILLE BRANCH

Sister Cecilia Nell

WE have the pleasure of welcoming Gary Cooper as a member of our branch. He was baptized on 29th September and confirmed 30th September.

Congratulations to Brather Louis Nell (Senior) on being ordained an Elder.

The 7th October was a memorable day for some of our new brothers and sisters who had the privilege of attending their first district conference. What a wonderful experience it was for them to meet all their brothers and sisters in the gospel.

We welcome back Brother and Sister Cockrell and family, who have been away on holiday in Cape Town, where they were able to attend the services at "Cumorah".

On the 14th October we had the pleasure of having with us President C. Kenneth Powrie, President Petrus C. Faber and President C. Lionel Bibb, also Brother Finlay Alexander and Sister Olive H. Dewsnup, at our Sacrament service. Sister Dewnup would like to see our Relief Society get started soon.

Brother and Sister Strydom and Brother Danny Paterson paid us a visit on the 28th October, and we were sorry that they could not stay for our Fireside which was conducted by Elder Ray S. Thompson. He played the tape recording of "The Joseph Smith Story". Thank you again Elder Thompson. By listening to this recording the youngsters can realise how the Prophet suffered for his beliefs.

Our greetings are extended to all the saints in South Africa.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Joan Clarke

AT last our rains have arrived and the cooler weather is such a relief after a most sticky, hot October.

We are glad to report that Brother Robert Huntington is improving rapidly and we continue to pray for a complete recovery from his burns.

Our heartiest congratulations to Brother Creswell McTavish Senior, who is one of the winners of the semi-finals of the talent contest held by Rhodesian Television. If he is successful in winning the finals, he will be entitled to a trip to England for two Brother McTavish has a beautiful voice and we are sure he stands every chance of winning the finals. Very successful cake sales are still being held for the Building fund, and if the fund continues to grow as it is doing at the moment, we should have our Chapel much sooner than we had hoped

Latest news from our two young sisters, Arlene Harker and Glynis McTavish, is that they were able to attend Otcober Conference in Salt Lake City and what a wonderful experience it was for them.

At our monthly Officers and Teachers Meeting in October, Sister Engh served a delicious curry and rice supper, proceeds of which were handed to the Sunday School for their Christmas Party.

Our best wishes to all the members of the South African Mission.

DURBAN BRANCH

Pat Kunitz

THE Natal District Conference was a great success —starting off with the Gold and Green Ball on Friday night, November 2nd. The Durban Cultural Hall was most beautifully decorated, and all present felt that they were really "Dancing in a Moonlight Garden". The floor-show was one of the loveliest ever presented and thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Woods of the Tommy Williams Studio who trained the young people. We were happy to have President and Sister Alldredge with us and also members from Margate, Pietermaritzburg and Cape Town.

On Saturday evening the film, "The Search for Truth" was presented by President Alldredge. We gained much from this inspiring film.

On Sunday morning President Alldredge met with the Brethren, and Sister Alldredge with the Sisters in the new Relief Society Room, which is a thing of beauty and we hope a joy forever.

At the morning and afternoon sessions of Conference which were held in the Recreation Hall, (our Chapel is being remodelled), we heard inspiring messages from President and Sister Alldredge, President Morrissey of Pietermartizburg, President Pelser of Margate, and also our District and Branch Leaders. Brother Deryck Vice was sustained as 2nd Counselor in the Natal District Presidency in place of Brother Bernard Milne, who was released with a vote of thanks for services rendered.

Congratulations to all the brethren who received or who were advanced in the Priesthood. We know they will be blessed in their efforts to magnify their callings.

President Alldredge has also been holding a Missionary Convention in Durban, and one of the events was a basketball game between the Missionaries and the local "Mormon" team. The Branch members will not reveal the final score, but the Missionaries were victorious. Tracting is obviously the best training! We were glad to see Sister Margaret Bury, and just wish all our local missionaries could have been here as well.

The Relief Society arranged a very enjoyable concert during the month and once again our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Hind and the members of the Orchestra who afforded us such fine entertainment.

The Sisters enjoyed a fine demonstration of Koo and Ashton Products. Delicious desserts were prepared, and many delighted Sisters were able to carry them home to their, no doubt, equally delighted families.

We are grateful to have Sister Rose Kirsten in our midst again, and thankful that the prayers of members and missionaries have been answered. Sister Mary Vice has also been in the hospital for many weeks now with a very painful complaint and our prayers and thoughts have been with her.

Visitors from other branches have been many, and we hope they all enjoyed themselves here and will come again. We send Christmas and New Year Greetings to all the Saints throughout the Mission and particularly to our missionaries, Sister Margaret Bury, Sister Juanita Duncan, Sister Susan Ford, and Elder John Meiring.

Whatever else may be wrong, it must be right to be pure — to be just and tender, and merciful and honest. It must *be right to love, and to deny one's self. Let him do the will of God, and he shall know.*

—F. W. Robertson.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Rita Corrigan

OUR branch held a very successful Halloween party on the 20th October at the home of Brother and Sister Corrigan. There was a good turnout of members and friends and most of the young folk entered into the spirit of the evening by coming in fancy dress. Prizes were awarded for the most original and attractive costumes, but the judges had a problem deciding on the winners. By tradition "brownies and witches and goblins and such" should only haunt this earth on October 31st, but they must have been present at our Spook Alley on October the 20th, judging by the shrieks, screams and groans that came forth. Maybe the Elders had something to do with it as they were in charge of the alley! The Relief Society Sisters had provided many good things to eat and drink, but these were for sale and not "on the house", as Relief Society needed the money to swell their Convention Fund. They were very pleased with the result.

On October 21st, very early in the worning, a number of sleepy Saints gathered at the Nahoon River Mouth to witness the baptism of Brother MacFarland. As an investigator Brother MacFarland had been attending meetings for some months and became very well acquainted with the gospel and doctrines of the church before taking the vital step. The members extend a hearty welcome to this new member and pray that his dear wife may also come to realise the truth and join him in his membership.

Elder Knight and Tomkinson left us for a few days early in November to attend the Missionary Convention in Durban. They enjoyed their brief boat trip along the coast and, on their return, were accompanied by President and Sister Alldredge who came to East London for Branch Conference and this time spent a really long time with us for which the Saints are most grateful. President Alldredge and President Corrigan did much conferring with the architect who designed the plans for our Chapel. President Alldredge expressed his satisfaction with the results. Plans for the Chapel are just about complete and the Saints here are hoping that building operations will start early next year.

A large number of members gathered at the home of Brother Ken Jubber to meet President and Sister Alldredge and see the film, "Search for Truth", which President had brought along. The subject of the film certainly gave everyone food for thought and the consensus of opinion was that it is a film to be seen more than once. As usual after such a function the Relief Society served very delicious refreshments.

President Alldredge met with the Priesthood holders and Sister Alldredge with the Relief Society on Sunday morning. Those who made effort to attend early were well rewarded for their efforts. The usual Sunday School programme followed these meetings and afterwards President Alldredge and the Priesthood met together for the purpose of ordaining three new male members. Our congratulations to Brother van Vuuren, Brother Roux and Brother MacFarland who were ordained in the Aaronic Priesthood to the office of Deacon.

There followed a short recess for lunch, then the members met again for Branch Conference which was well attended. President Alldredge, President Corrigan, and Sister Alldredge addressed the congregation and each had words of council and advice as well as encouragement to offer. President and Sister Alldredge left for Durban on the Monday afternoon

on the Transvaal Castle. We hope their trip back was enjoyable and relaxing after their busy weekend. We trust they reach their final destination without mishap.

To raise funds for our Christmas Party a "Slide Show" was held at the home of Brother and Sister Corrigan on Saturday, the 17th November. We say a big thank you to Elder Tomkinson and Brother Krull for the interesting slides shown to us. It is difficult to say who found the greater interest—the South Africans in the American scenes or the Americans in the South African scenes. Although the entertainment was not well attended, those present made a generous contribution and the organisers were satisfied with the sum collected.

A big welcome to Brother Dingley from Durban who will be spending a few weeks in East London while on building business here.

Our sick and injured members of last report are all doing fine though Sister Booysen is having some trouble with her injured knee. Perhaps since she has discarded her crutches she is putting too much strain on this leg. Patricia Corrigan had a mild attack of German measles and we hear Sister Randall has contracted a dose of mumps!

The Saints of East London extend their very good wishes to all fellow Saints and hope they will all celebrate a joyous Christmas and be blessed with a prosperous New Year.

EAST RAND BRANCH

Shirley Evans

CONGRATULATIONS to Brother Hennie Botha on his ordination to the Aaronic Priesthood, to the office of deacon. We know that this is only the first step for him and that he will continue to progress in the Gospel. Brother Ben Bester is also to be congratulated on his call to be the Second Counselor in the District Presidency.

On November the 4th, Brother Michael Evans who was ordained an Elder during the month of October, had the opportunity of blessing his baby son, Darryl Thomas. Elder Maughan blessed Sister Sutherland's baby, Donald Mark. It was so nice to see Sister Rita Sutherland again at our meetings and also to meet her husband. Our young Sister Amelia Fritz who has just turned eight was confirmed by Brother Bester.

Elder Dale G. Wilder has left us and we now welcome Elder Archie J. Maughan who will be labouring with Elder Berkley Thompson. We were very pleased to have with us at our Fast Sunday Meeting, Brother and Sister Lawrence from Kitwe. The members of the East Rand Branch send greetings to you, Brother and Sister Lawrence and say thank you for the visit.

The service on the evening of the 11th was conducted by the Relief Society Sisters and it was indeed a lovely service. The speakers namely, Sister Judy Coetzee, Sister Gertrude Balmer and Sister Valerie LeRoux, certainly did justice to their subjects. On top of this wonderful service, we were happy to welcome the District Presidency, President Powrie, and President Bester. President Powrie left us much strengthened by his visit.

We held our C.S.M. Festival, and although the weather was not at its best, we had a fairly good turn-out, and everyone enjoyed themselves. We must congratulate Brother and Sister Balmer who organized the Festival. The songs sung to the various leaders in the Branch were very clever.

We are sorry to report that Brother Fritz is still very ill, and we ask our members to remember him in their prayers. We wish all our Brothers and Sisters in the Gospel a very happy and prosperous New Year.

KLERKSDORP BRANCH

Patricia Holbrook

CONGRATULATIONS to Sister Kriel who was baptized recently. We welcome her and her family into our branch and pray that our Heavenly Father will bless and guide them as they study the gospel. Congratulations also to Doctor Hanekom and although he was only baptised recently, Dr. Hanekom has been a most wonderful member, always striving to gain more knowledge of this gospel, and his strong testimony is a joy to hear.

It was good to have the District Presidency meet with us on Sunday October 14. We were all filled with encouragement at their words of inspiration, and are already looking forward to their next visit. Travelling with them was Sister Olive H. Dewsnup, District Relief Society President. We had been looking forward to her visit for quite some time. It was lovely having her with us, and I'm sure our Relief Society members will support her all they can. A Social was organised for Saturday November 20th and was held at the home of President and Sister Wilson in aid of raising funds fo rour Branch.

The Relief Society held their first cake sale on the 16th November.

We are sorry to hear that Brother Fagan is ill in hospital. We wish hi ma speedy recovery and hope to see him back with us soon.

On Tuesday the 9th October, our Sisters of the Relief Society had a very interesting lesson. It was a Work and Business evening, and they were taught how to black hats by Mrs. K. Booysen. On previous Work and Business evenings they were shown Cane work, and taught by Sister Monica Fagan.

On the 7th October a few of our members travelled up to johannesburg to attend the Conference at Ramah. They had a wonderful weekend, and came back feeling greatly inspired, after being given much spiritual food for thought.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Madge McHugh

ON the 7th October, the Primary organisation took over the evening service instead of family night, and presented a programme which touched the hearts of all present. It was indeed heartening to see all the children doing their parts, as more then seventy children did something, even the little four-year-olds stood up and told us how happy they make the Lord when they are good.

The programme took the form of a play: Two children, who had just graduated, thought back to what they had learned in Primary. As they thought of each class they had attended, that class enacted and told us what they were learning in the various age groups. Every child did a marvellous job and those in the congregation sat with tears in their eyes, they were all so proud of the children. I think this programme made us all realise how much the Primary does for the small children, and that it was organised by God, our Father, in His infinite wisdom.

On the 21st October, President and Sister Alldredge arrived and conference was held—two sessions were held and special meetings arranged for the Relief Society and Priesthood. The 4th November saw eight of our younger members entering the waters of baptism. We certainly welcome them all into the Church.

We regret to record the death of one of our older members—Sister Enid Griffiths after a painful illness. Brother Douglas Charsley conducted the funeral service and Brother John Everton dedicated the grave. We extend our sympathy to Brother Griffiths and family.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Eileen van Staden

WE could not but help feel some disappointment that the tentative date for the opening of our chapel could not be realised. Nevertheless, we are looking forward to the 24th and 24th November. This will be a great and wonderful event in the history of the Pretoria Branch when our beautiful Chapel Deseret will be opened and the Relief Society Convention held at which the Mission Singing Mother's Choir will sing. We look forward to welcoming all the friends and visitors who will be able to be with us on this occasion.

At last we have had the blessing of the long awaited rains, which has broken the drought and terrible heat we have been experiencing for the last couple of months.

Once again in order that all could attend the District Conference held in Ramah Chapel the members from here hired a bus which was filled to capacity. This time the bus waited till after the Fireside Meeting phich pleased everybody as a very interesting film was shown on Science and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We were richly blessed in attending the Conference; for the sound counsel and inspiration we received, the beautiful singing and the message of hope from President Alldredge.

The M.I.A. held a picnic on the 10th October which proved a very happy outing for those who attended. The M.I.A. also held a Music Festival, which was organised by Vivienne van Staden. There was an excellent turn-out. We all enjoyed singing and especially the solo number "Desert Song" sung by Brother Steve Terblanche.

The participants in the play "Something to Crow About" for the M.I.A. Drama Festival have been rehearsing very hard and had the permission from Brother Wally van Staden to use the stage in the Cultural Hall on one occasion. The children felt so thrilled! They look forward to such privileges in the future.

The M.I.A. Mission Presidents Nelson and Margaret Beard paid the M.I.A. a "hello and good-bye" visit. We were glad to have them, but so sad to lose them to East London. They were presented with a gift as a token of appreciation for what they have done for us.

The Building Fund Committee held a Braaivleis at the home of Brother and Sister Laidlaw. Everything was so well arranged and organised by Brother and Sister Laidlaw. Brother Herholdt showed films which were enjoyed by all.

We had two families visit this month, the Stemmets from Witbank and former members, the Pittendreighs, now of the Port Elizabeth Branch. It was just too wonderful to see them again, although only for such a short time. They stayed at the home of President Smit. We hope to see them again at the opening of the Chapel.

Young Boetie Smit had a very nasty accident to his right eye and had to have stitches. Lionel du Preez had an emergency operation for appendix. Both of these brethren are well now.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

Primrose Saints had another enjoyable social evening, and there was fun for all. There was a braaivleis, fishing and many other entertaining items. These monthly socials are in aid of our Christmas tree fund and have been attended very well by all. I am sure that the children can look forward to a very enjoyable Christmas tree.

Brother and Sister du Preez from Pretoria paid us a visit and Brother du Preez was our guest speaker at the evening service. We are pleased to have Sister Gubb back with us again after an absence of six

weeks. She had the privilege of going over to Salt Lake City, with Brother and Sister Louis Hefer from Bloemfontein, who are old members of Primrose Branch.

Brother Sandow hurt his foot in an accident at work, but is now feeling much better. We would like to congratulate Brother and Sister Sandow on their new arrival, a baby boy. May he bring lots of happiness to them.

RAMAH BRANCH REPORT

Sister Tiny Matthews

ON the 16th October the M.I.A. held a most successful Hey Day party with the participants dressed in traditional South African, Hawaiian, Chinese and Dutch costumes. Prizes were awarded—the Wrench family won the family group prize as Hawaiians, Deborah van Zyl as an Hawaiian girl, and Brother Benington as a wealthy Hawaiian. Brother Tex Smith presented the prizes. Brother Benington organised games and dancing, and there were lots of good things to eat and drink; everyone had a great time.

Our hearts went out to Brother and Sister Pike at the loss of their dear little five-year-old girl, Diane, and to Brother and Sister de Jong as their little son, Laurie William, so new to the world, passed on.

Brother and Sister Nicholls and Paul left for the U.S.A. on the 22nd October. There was a large crowd at the station to bid them farewell, and we all wish them a happy future. Brother Alvara Phipson has left South Africa to join his daughter in the United States and we know what joy the reunion will bring to them.

Sister Olive Wallace has left us too. She is now living in George, where she has been transferred. Good luck in the new surroundings, Olive!

We'll miss all these happy faces around Ramah but we have gained a few new ones with the baptism on the 27th and familiar with the coming of Sister La Verne and Brother Clive Nicholls after their marriage in Cape Town.

It was nice to have Sister Aileen Cramer visit us from Cape Town; she is now on her way to Canada and America.

The Genealogy course finished on the 7th November with about 90% of the starters completing the course. We look forward to the final results.

Brother Johann Brummer intends finding any hidden talent amongst the choir singers by breaking down the choir into smaller groups; then the individuals can make themselves felt more in duets, quartets and perhaps even solos.

The Ramah Branch presidency is happy to announce that the remodelling of the Ramah chapel is well under way and we hope to have the building completed early next year.

Sister Nettie Brummer gave us all a nasty shock when she was taken ill on Sunday, November 11th, but we are pleased to hear that she is progressing steadily.

Congratulations to Brother and Sister Bradley on the birth of their baby daughter.

The first meeting called by the Primary Mother, Sister Veale, to start the "In Service" course, was well attended. This course is intended to thresh out any problems that crop up during the year in the classes. Primary will end its program for 1962 on the last Wednesday of the school term with a party at the Zoo Lake.

There is a record membership of Primary standing at about 70 children, whereas formerly the maximum had been about 30 children. The teachers are having a drive to encourage people to subscribe to the "Children's Friend"—it's a great magazine for the children and parents, too!

The Goodwill season is nearly with us and we have plenty of friends on whom to try out our goodwill, so let's practice it now! Hello to everyone in branches all over the mission!

SALISBURY BRANCH

Sister Jean Schonnberg

FOLLOWING an intensely hot, dry October, the recent rain has been more than welcome in reviving our flagging residents. The city of Salisbury is itself glowing again with its tree-lined avenues of flamboyants in full flower.

During the month we have had surprise visits from old friends: Brother George Fisher was able to visit with us from Umtali on 14th October. Members and friends were delighted to see George since we miss him and his family very much in the Salisbury Branch. We sincerely hope he has fully recovered from his recent eye operation. The Frost family were here also on 28th October and it was lovely to see how the children had grown since we last saw them. Brother Frost gave a very fine talk at Sacrament service on family unity and love. We are very much hoping that Brother Frost will be able to settle his affairs in a satisfactory manner which will allow him to bring his family to live in Salisbury.

There has been some illness among the Saints recently: The Trotter and Gordon-Carroll families have had an outbreak of measles amongst the children. Brother Richard Olds has had an emergency operation for gall-stones and is progressing favourably. Sister Joy O'Connor has had an accident in a bus. We pray our Heavenly Father's blessing especially upon these Saints, and including dear Sister Violet Nisbet who has been unable to join with us due to ill-health.

We were happy to have a visit from Elder Wilder who passed through Salisbury on his way home, having completed his mission in South Africa. Elder Wilder was able to renew his friendship with the Saints when he joined us for an M.I.A. Meeting. We wish this brother God-speed on his trip and thank him for the memories which he left in Salisbury.

October 29th proved to beagrand day—a picnic was arranged by the M.I.A. at Lake McIlwaine, at which young and old enjoyed themselves. The younger folks took the opportunity of the hot, sunny weather to spend most of the morning in the swimming pool, returning ready to do justice to a fine lunch which had been prepared in the meantime. The sum raised for the Building Fund by this venture amounted to £7. 10. 0.

During the month, the M.I.A. have arranged Square Dancing, a film evening and musical evening for the youth. Also a Twenty Questions hour presented by Brother Gordon-Carroll.

On Sunday, 11th October, Brother Hugh Hodkiss was released, with a vote of thanks, from his positions in the Branch as Sunday School Superintendent and M.I.A. President. Brother Hugh is leaving for London almost immediately where he will be taking an administrative course prior to taking up a promotion appointment in Blantyre, Nyasaland, early in the New Year. The Branch will miss Brother and Sister Hodgkiss and family for their worthwhile efforts on behalf of the work of the Lord here in Salisbury. Their departure will certainly leave a gap as Brother Hugh is our first "original" member of the Church in this part of the world. The Saints in Salisbury send greetings to all other branches of the South African Mission at this time.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Melaney Peterson

IT is good to realise that, with the constant blessing of the Lord, we have had another month free of all trials except very minor ones. We in Springs hope that this is true of all theo ther branches as well. We send our greatings.

On the 19th October the branch organised a party at the home of Brother and Sister Wentzel. The party really served two purposes, for it was also the house warming of the Wentzel's new home. The branch wishes them every happiness in it! When we last had a games party everyone had a lot of fun, and enjoyed the evening so much, that we decided to repeat the idea. Brother Val van Niekerk was in charge of the games, and even had a few new ones to add to our list. I can forsee the Branch demanding games parties regularly from now on!

The M-Men and Gleaners class in the M.I.A. have a monthly outing, and for October the young people deserted Springs to attend a performance of the film "El Cid" in Johannesburg. Judging from reports, they really enjoyed the evening.

Hard work and good fun is going into the rehearsals for Spring's play in the M.I.A. Drama Festival, and it is easy to see why these activities are encounraged by the M.I.A., because those taking part are learning not only to improve their acting ability but also to be tolerant and considerate of others, and to work together.

The M.I.A. would like to take this opportunity of saying good-bye to Brother and Sister Beard, and to thank them for the really hard work they have done for the M.I.A. We'll miss them badly, but we hope that they'll find every success and happiness in their new home.

Brother Wynne Armstrong, our M.I.A. Music Director, was in charge of the Branch Music Festival on the 6th November. He kept us entertained with games which depended on one's knowledge of the different types and tempos of music.

On Sunday the 4th November, little Gordon Futter paid his first visit to the Springs Chapel to receive a name and a blessing. The children of Brother and Sister Weaver were also blessed. We know that these children are a joy to their families. We pray that as they grow up, that joy will increase.

Springs Branch congratulates Brother and Sister Adlard on their baptism and confirmation. We welcome them and their children into the Gospel of Jesus Christ and into the Branch.

VEREENIGING BRANCH

Rowland P. Roberts

THE branch activities are being maintained steadily and we are still very happy. Relief Society is still busy getting ready for a Bazaar to be held on the first of December which is being held in conjunction with the Building Fund Committee. We hope to put on a good show and bring up our Building fund balance. This, we understand, is the aim of Brother Julian Snyman, whom we know is a very determined man.

M.I.A. held two very successful evenings this month. Our talent night was held on the 17th and just about everyone present did something. We were fortunate enough to have Brother and Sister Nelson Beard with us on the 24th when films were shown by Brother Roberts of recent holidays at the South Coast, and a film of Swaziland taken by Brother Kotze

some years ago. Brother Snyman produced some beautiful stills of a holiday of about a year ago at Kosi Bay. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Primary is still being well attended and progress is being maintained.

All of us in Vereeniging send our best wishes to all the staints everywhere and pray that the Lord will bless them as He has continued to bless us.

WELKOM BRANCH

Arlene Gilburt

ONCE again we are happy to report a marked progress in the building of our Chapel. The foundations are now complete and the walls are growing inch by inch. We are most happy and satisfied at the work that has been accomplished in the building of the Welkom Chapel.

Our Relief Society Sisters have had a busy and fruitful month. A baby shower was given to Sister Margaret Watson, who is expecting a new addition to the family at the end of November. Our thoughts are with her on this very happy occasion. A cake sale was held in Welkom on the 3rd November, at which R31.43 was raised. Many thanks go to the Sisters who helped to make our cake sale the success that it was. We hope to hold more of these in the coming year, and I am sure we can rely on the full support of the Sisters in the Branch. The sisters are very enthusiastic about the opening of the Pretoria Chapel, and all hope to attend the opening. Although we sisters of the Welkom Branch do not have marvelous singing voices we are certainly trying our best under the capable guidance of Sister Robinson, to learn the songs for the opening of Pretoria's Chapel.

We have had a lot of illness in our Branch this past month, but are pleased to say a lot of the sick are now on the mend. President Robinson was in the Princess Nursing Home, for treatment to his kidneys, but is now home once again. Even though he is not as fit as he used to be, there is a marked improvement in his condition. We are sure he will be greatly blessed for all the work he does in our branch. Sister Joyce Parkin had a major operation and bone graft to her back last week, but we are pleased to say she has stood up to it remarkably well and, although she is in a lot of pain, her spirits have not been dampened, and she has faith that she will soon be healed of her afflictions. Little Totie Blanche was in the hospital with pnuemonia, but is now back home, her quiet sweet self, and fully recovered. Gary Gilburt was down with the measles, but is once again attending school after his two weeks stay at home.

The results of the funds raised at the Welkom Horse Show which was reported last month was R100. This was a very fine effort put on by the Priesthood. We are looking foreward to many more fine functions by the Priesthood.

We wish to take this opportunity of wishing Elder Chater a very happy birthday, and all that he can wish himself on the occasion of his 21st Birthday, which he celebrated on the 23rd October. May you have every happiness and may the Lord bless you abundantly for all you are and all you are doing to further his Kingdom here on earth. There have not been any baptisms for a little while, but that does not mean the Elders are taking things easy, for we know that they are going about their work quietly and steadily, and knowing them as we do we expect more baptisms in the not too distant future. Farewell must be said to Elder Weatherbee who has been labouring in this area for the past few months. He has been transferred to Bloemfontein. As we say farewell to one missionary we must say welcome to another. This time we

say welcome to Welkom to Elder Jones who comes to us from Krugersdorp. May your stay be long, happy and productive. To all the missionaries go our thoughts, and may your labours be ever fruitful and your spirits ever uplifted by the promises of our Heavenly Father.

We of this branch wish to bid "Bon Voyage" to President and Sisters Pat, Anne and Maire Robinson, who leave us at the end of the month for a three month visit to their folk back home in Ireland. They plan to stop over in England for a few days so that they can go through the temple and partake of the Temple ordinances. Our love and best wishes go with them and we are certainly going to miss their unfailing good humour and their untiring patience which they have shown to all in the past. We sincerely pray that their trip will be a most happy and momentous one and trust that it will not be shadowed by any misfortune. May they return refreshed to carry on the wonderful work they have been doing.

We thank our Father for all the blessings He has poured upon us in the past month. We wish to extend greetings to all members throughout the mission.

Self-respect requires, among other things that one shall behave like a true gentleman, in a house of worship. No self-respecting person will go to a house devoted to the service of God to whisper, gossip and visit; rather, it is one's duty to put on self-restraint, to give one's undivided attention to the speaker, and concentrate the mind upon his words that his thoughts may be grasped to one's benefit and profit.

President Joseph F. Smith.

LOCATION OF BRANCH OR DISTRICT

Meeting Place

TRANSVAAL

RAMAH BRANCH

Meetings: 1 Hunter Street, Highlands, Johannesburg. Phone 24-3669.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Meetings: Krugersdorp Town Hall Lecture Room.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Meetings: 23 Eleventh Street, Springs. Phone 56-7191.

EAST RAND BRANCH

Meetings: 115 Whobarn Avenue, Benoni, Tvl.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Chapel. Devenish Street. Sunnyside, Pretoria.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Meyer Street, Germiston.

NATAL

DURBAN BRANCH

Meetings: 144 Silverton Road, Durban. Phone 4-9369.

MARGATE BRANCH

Meetings: Moth Hall, Margate.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

Meetings: Oddfellows' Hall, 136 Longmarket Street.

CAPE

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Meetings: Cumorah, Main Road, Mowbray. Phone 69-8718.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Talent Street, Parow.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Belgravia Crescent, East London.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Meetings: 40 Prospect Road, Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

KIMBERLEY BRANCH

Meetings: Better'ole Cafe, Permanent Street, Kimberley.

ORANGE FREE STATE

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Meetings: Chapel, end of Voortrekker Road. Phone 8-0702.

WELKOM BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Stateway, Welkom.

RHODESIA

BULAWAYO BRANCH

Meetings: Boy Scout Headquarters on 8th Avenue, off Lebangula St.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Meetings: Frederick Knapp School Hall, Boma St., Kitwe.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Inverness Road. (off Jameson Avenue East), Eastlea, Salisbury.

GWELO BRANCH

Meetings: Riverside School, Athlone Drive, Gwelo.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

Meetings: 121 "F" Avenue, Luanshya.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

APPOINTMENTS

ELDER PHILIP N. BELLON—Second Counsellor in the Mission Presidency, November 15.
ELDER CALVIN M. McCAUSLAND—Travelling Elder, November 17, 1962.
ELDER GARY L. BOETES—Supervising Elder of the West Rand District, November 17, 1962.
ELDER CALVIN C. HUNSAKER—Supervising Elder of the Cape Town District, November 17, 1962.
ELDER KAY L. TISCHNER—Supervising Elder of the Pretoria District, November 17, 1962.
ELDER DON H. PERRY—Mission Secretary, November 26, 1962.
ELDER CHARLES R. SCOTT—Supervising Elder of the Mission Home District, November 27, 1962.

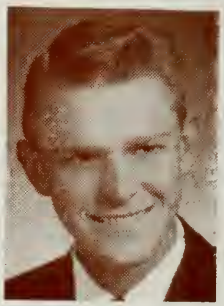
ARRIVALS

ELDER ROBERT CHRISTENSEN—from Pleasant Grove, Utah. Arrived November 14, 1962. Assigned to Johannesburg.
ELDER GLEN R. LONGHURST—from Logan, Utah. Arrived November 14, 1962. Assigned to Germiston.
ELDER RONALD R. MILLBURN—from Tooele, Utah. Arrived November 14, 1962. Assigned to Krugersdorp.
ELDER G. KEITH SNARR—from Murray, Utah. Arrived November 14, 1962. Assigned to Johannesburg.
ELDER CHARLES T. WHITTAKER—from Circleville, Utah. Arrived November 14, 1962. Assigned to Vereeniging.

RELEASES

ELDER RAY S. THOMPSON—from Salt Lake City, Utah. Released December 9, 1962. Laboured in Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria, Carletonville.
ELDER CALVIN M. McCAUSLAND—from Spanish Fork, Utah. Released December 9, 1962. Laboured in Salisbury, Johannesburg, Carletonville, Klerksdorp and Pretoria. Served as Travelling Elder.

Left: ELDER RAY S. THOMPSON
Salt Lake City
Utah



Right: ELDER CALVIN M. McCAUSLAND
Spanish Fork, Utah

TRANSFERS

ELDER JOHN L. GREENWOOD—from Durban to Copperbelt, Nov. 9, 1962.
ELDER DAVID S. NICHOLLS—from Bloemfontein to Durban, Nov. 9, 1962
ELDER MARVIN R. JONES—from Krugersdorp to Welkom, Nov. 9, 1962.
ELDER LARRY W. WEATHERBEE—from Welkom to Bloemfontein, Nov. 9, 1962.
ELDER RAY S. THOMPSON—from Carletonville to Johannesburg, November 17, 1962.
ELDER GARY L. BOETES—from Pretoria to Johannesburg, Nov. 17, 1962.
ELDER BRYANT R. ROBB—from Carletonville to Pretoria, Nov. 17, 1962.
ELDER TREVOR T. SOUTHEY—from Vereeniging to Johannesburg, November 17, 1962.
ELDER JOHN T. MEIRING—from Alberton to Klerksdorp, Nov. 17, 1962.
ELDER KAY L. TISCHNER—from Cape own to Pretoria, November 17, 1962.
ELDER CALVIN C. HUNSAKER—from Klerksdorp to Cape Town, November 17, 1962.
ELDER PHILIP N. BELLON—from Johannesburg to Mission Home, November 15, 1962.
ELDER CALVIN M. McCAUSLAND—from Pretoria to Mission Home, November 17, 1962.

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